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SUBJECT: NOMINATION FOR PARTIAL IV GRANT: MR. SAKA S. FAGBO

1. POST NOMINATES MR. SAKA S. FAGBO, CONTROLLER OF NEWS (NTV) LAGOS FOR TQ PARTIAL IV GRANT TO INCLUDE PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF TV/RADIO NEWS DIRECTORS. GRANT WOULD INCLUDE U.S. DOMESTIC TRAVEL AND PER DIEM FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS VISIT. IF GRANT APPROVED, DEPARTMENT REQUESTED DETERMINE WHICH NATIONAL CONFERENCE TAKING PLACE MID-LATE-AUGUST NOMINEE HAS IN MIND. GRANTEE NOW ON LEAVE WOULD BE PREPARED DEPART FOR U.S. AUGUST 14.

2. PART I INFO FOLLOWS:

FULL NAME: MR. SAKA ALABI SALAMI FAGBO

PRESENT POSITION: CONTROLLER OF NEWS, NTV, LAGOS

PAST POSITION: CONTROLLER OF NEWS, NTV, LAGOS

PAST POSITIONS: SENIOR EDITOR 1974/75: EDITOR (WEST) 1965/72

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 12 AUG 2013]: ZARIA, KADUNA STATE

PRESENT CITIZENSHIP : NIGERIAN: NONE PREVIOUS

PREVIOUS TRAVEL TO US: SYRACUSE-RADIO-TV PROJECT, 1968:

1973 - TO COVER OAU CHAIRMAN'S

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PREVIOUS TRAVEL TO OTHER COUNTRIES: U.K., EGYPT, SAUDI ARABIA,
IRAQI, GHANA, SOVIET UNION, CHINA

PREVIOUS USG GRANT: 1968

ESCORT SERVICES : NOT REQUESTED

VISA ELIGIBILITY : NAMECHECK SATISFACTORY, VISA ELIGIBLE

REASONS FOR NOMINATION: SAKA FAGBO IS YOUNG, ENERGETIC MEDIA
LEADER PRESENTLY IN CHARGE OF POLITY,
PLANNING AND EXECUTION OF NEWS AND CURRENT AFFAIRS FOR NTV-LAGOS.
HE HAS WORKED FOR NIGERIAN TV AND RADIO SINCE 1965, AND IN FACT
PARTICIPATED IN SYRACUSE PROJECT IN 1968 AS EMPLOYEE IBADAN RADIO.
SINCE THEN NOMINEE HAS RISEN TO PRESENT POSITION OF INFLUENCE, AND
IN COMING MONTHS CAN BE EXPECTED TO BE GIVEN GREATER RESPONSIBILITY
AS GS IORGANIZATION NIGERIAN TELEVISION CONTINUES. WHATEVER
POSITION HE HOLDS, FAGBO WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE GREAT DEAL OF SAY ON
CONTENT PROGRAMMING IN THIS MEDIUM WHOSE IMPORTANCE IS GROWING AT
FAST PACE.

OBJECTIVE OF US VISIT: A RETURN VISIT TO U.S. WOULD ENABLE NOMINEE
TO REINFORCE EARLIER IMPRESSIONS OF U.S. AND
GAIN EXPOSURE TO LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN HIS LATTER SPECIALTY--
TELEVISION -- SINCE EARLIER VISIT PERFORMED AS RADIO MAN. GRANTEE
WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ALL FACETS OF AMERICAN LIFE (AS NEWS
PROGRAMMER) BUT WOULD WANT TO FOCUS ON ASPECTS NOT COVERED IN
HIS EARLIER VISIT. THIS UPDATE ON AMERICAN SCENE WOULD ENHANCE
HIS NEWS JUDGEMENT AND SERVE POST OBJECTIVES I, II, AND III.

PROGRAMM SUGGESTIONS: PRIMARY OBJECTS WOULD BE ATTENDANCE
AT CONFERENCE MENTIONED ABOVEAND
VISIT TO "NEW SOUTH." PROFESSIONAL ASPECTS INCLUDES EXPOSURE
TO OPERATIONS NETWORK NEWS HEADQUARTERS WHERE PROGRAMS ORIGINATED
(I.E. NEW YORK)COUPLED WITH VISITS TO NEWS CENTERS WHICH FEED
INTO NETWROK (I.E. WASHINGTON) AND FINALLY TO PLACE WHERE PROGRAMS
RECEIVED (I.E. ATLANTA). POST SUGGESTS MAL JOHNSON (COX
BROADCASTING WASHINGTON REPRESENTATIVE) MIGHT BE INCLUDED ON
WASHINGTON AND/OR ATLANTA PORTIONS OF VISIT. ALSO ATLANTA VISIT
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SHOULD LIE IN WITH SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP. GRANTEE WOULD ALSO
BENEFIT FROM OBSERVING NEWS COVERAGE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

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